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I am against additional Casinos in Connecticut.

The casinos already in place have proven to draw crime to the areas around the casinos. Increases in illegal drugs sales, crime and prostitution around casinos is evident.

The average casino participant, is usually a middle to lower income person. They can ill afford to give away their income to these casinos.

Statistics show that winning in a casino is a very low probability. The games are stacked against the players, as this is a money making operation for the casino owners.

Gambling is a vice that breaks up families and causes suffering for most players. Gambling is an addiction and a destructive force in society.

Our economy is in a depression nationally and has been since the engineered collapse in 2008. Casinos will further make the lives of people who visit these gambling places, less full and will deprive them of the little money they have to live on. Many people on welfare go to casinos and spend the funds on gambling, instead of feeding their families and making the lives of their children better, more meaningful and productive. Gambling is a learned vice, which will be passed down to the children of the gamblers, making a larger dependency base of the population on public assistance.

The argument that casinos create jobs is a weak one. The skills in running a casino are usually specific to gambling and not a skills base to build a career on. There is very low need for card dealers, dancers and porters outside of the casino world.

Instead of building casinos, which will only make the wealthy investors richer and no one else, the state should be advocating building factories where people can learn skills they can use anywhere. Making things that can be sold on the global market in the long term, is much more rewarding and important to our people, state and nation, than short term service jobs in casinos.

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